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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAWLERS OFF ALASKA

COAST GUARD FOR CAPTAIN KNAPP, OPERATIONS

CUSTOMS FOR JOHN TEBEAU

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT TWO SOVIET FISHING VESSELS
THAT ASSISTED SAMARGO OFF KAYAK ISLAND WILL NOW ASK TO
CLEAR US CUSTOMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR REQUEST, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR CONSULTING WITH US IN ADVANCE BEFORE YOU
MAKE A RULING UNDER 46 USC 316 D REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE
OF SALVAGE ACTIVITIES BY THESE TWO VESSELS IN US WATERS.
AS YOU KNOW, SOVIETS HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO US
CONCERNING THE SAMARGO CASE AT ALL LEVELS, BOTH IN MOSCOW
AND WASHINGTON, AND YOUR RULING WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT
US-SOVIET RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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